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INTERACTION AND COMMUNICATIONS USING LOCAL SENSORY

INFORMATION

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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 14, 2008

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below.